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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8812

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

UNCLAS BEIRUT 7728

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: BEXP LE EG

SUBJ: NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION (NMTBA)

IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: STATE 142001

1. EMBASSY BEIRUT WELCOMES PROPOSECT OF NMTBA TRADE MISSION OF TOP CALIBER DECISION-MAKERS IN JAN 1975. WISH POINT OUT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR LEBANON STILL IN DEVELOPING STAGE. MISSION'S EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH VIEW TO LONGER-RANGE SALES POSSIBILITIES. ABILITY OF MISSION MEMBERS TO ACQUAINT LEBANESE INDUSTRIALISTS, ENGINEERS, AND GOVT PERSONNEL WITH RANGE AND QUALITY OF U S MACHINE TOOLS VALUABLE MARKET DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUE WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN GOOD PAYOFF OVER NEXT DECADE. LEBANON'S CURRENT IMPORTS MACHINE TOOLS PROBABLY DO NOT EXCEED \$500,000 WITH UK, ITALY, FRANCE LEADING SUPPLIERS. U S SHARE MINIMAL.

2. RECOMMEND CONNOR POSTPONE VISIT FOR ADVANCE

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PLANNING TO OCT IF FEASIBLE. JUL-SEP

PERIOD CHARACTERIZED BY SHORT BUSINESS, GOVT  
WORK DAY AND ABSENCE MANY KEY LEBANESE CONTACTS FROM  
BEIRUT. ALSO, EMB ECON/OMMERCIAL STAFF SHORTHANDED  
DUE TO HOME LEAVE AND LAG IN REPLACEMENT OF  
TRANSFERRED PERSONNEL. WHILE EMB PREPARED GIVE  
ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, WE IN POSITION BE MORE  
HELPFUL AFTER SUMMER MONTHS.  
GODLEY

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